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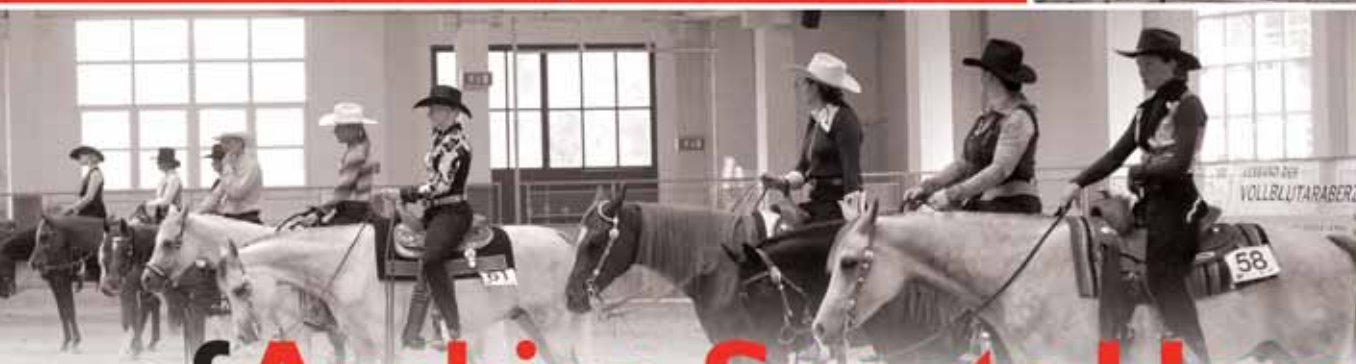
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In the first week-end of August (1st – 3rd), at Stadl Paura by Linz (Austria), held were the VII European Championships of Arabian Horse Sports, organized by Reitclub Pferdezentrum Stad-Paura and Friends of Arabian Sports Horse Ass., under the leadership of Mrs. Elisabeth Chat – an international judge, rider and breeder; the former chairwoman of the ECAHO Sports Committee. The judges' board consisted of: Scott Benjamin (CAN), Margaret Rich (USA), Ali Shaarawi (EGY), Wacław Pruchniewicz (POL), Gerd



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Eva Eternall-Hagen and Virgio Pijano (Sweden).

Bruchhaus (GER), Franz Feichtinger (AUT) and Barbara Hengge (AUT). The Equestrian Center at Stadl Paura was very well-equipped, including two riding halls, show jumping parcours, cross-country course, dressage arena, restaurant, cafeteria and horse shop. The main hall was so brightly lit, that certain competitions could last until 9 p.m. This year's program for all four days was so tightly fulfilled, that one couldn't attend all events, because some of them took place simultaneously.

The event was sponsored by renowned Middle-Eastern studs, as Ajman Stud from UAE (the present owner of Kwestura) and Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar; together with Austrian Arabian Horse Breeders Union, Vollblutaraber Gestuet Chat and Hanaya Arabians (owned by a prominent, Swiss judge Nayla Hayek). On Thursday organized were



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Salar and Aleksandra Owerko from Poland (Janow Podlaski Stud).



judge - Mrs. Margaret Rich (USA).



judge-Ali Sharaawi (EGY).



judge-Scott Benjamin (CAN).

clinics for Western, Classic Pleasure and Traditional Arabian Riding competitors with their horses, led by Margaret Rich and Scott Benjamin. During the Welcome Dinner 21 youngest participants of the championships were given traditional Swatch watches. By the way revealed was, that the youngest rider of this year's championships was 13-years-old Aleksandra Owerko from Janow Podlaski, mounting the stallion Salar (Ecaho - Saba). The number of all starting horses amounted 66, representing Austria, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Holland and Spain. The most numerous were teams from Germany, Poland and the host country.



Karolina Kluka and Decaho from Poland.



Patrycja Mroczkowska and Eurykles from Poland (Janow Podlaski Stud).



Metropolis NA and Danuta Kononczuk from Poland.

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Marek Suliga and Wangelis from Poland.



Mr. Józef Zagor (the trainer from Poland) and the stallion Album with Danuta Kononczuk up.



Esculap and Agnieszka Wozniak from Janow Podlaski Stud.

On Friday, as the first one, started the Type and Conformation Class – obligatory for all participants. Three first places in this competition, estimating the horse's conformation except movement, were captured by Polish stallions, bred and owned by Janow Podlaski Stud: I – Salar (Ecaho – Saba), II – Eurykles (Emigrant – Eutona), III – Esculap (Primo – Esparceta). It proved the high quality of Polish Arabian horses! Apart from that, on Friday mainly held were the Western competitions. Trail Level-A ECAHO was won by Doris Pfann on the bay stallion Muscateal's Saphir (MHR Muscateal – Desert Shalimar), bred and owned by Gut Frontleitenhof (Austria). Trail European Championships, included in Western All Around, won the Austrian rider Hannah Friedl on the mare Kailashi (Mandan – Kreshna). Subsequently held were two Western Pleasure competitions, from which the first one – Level-A ECAHO – was won by Doris Pfann on Muscateal's Saphir; whereas the other one – Western Pleasure E.Ch. – by a Swedish team, Eleonore Danielsson and Hampus (Fax – Euroba). Those classes were followed by a strikingly colorful competition – Freestyle Reining (a costume class, performed to fitting music). Its winner was the experienced rider Doris Pfann on the stallion Baikal (Balaton – Kashmir), in a boxer's costume, performing her perfect program to the tune of "Aye of the

taiger". The second place took the Polish rider Karolina Klucka, dressed as a bride, on the stallion Decaho (Ecaho – Demara Bis), whereas another Polish rider, Marek Suliga, in a musketeer's garb, on the chestnut stallion Wangelis (Empres – Warta), was placed third.

The first competition from the series Classic Pleasure A was won by a Polish representative, Danuta Kononczuk, riding



Stefan Hirnbock and Khen Saabis Nashita from Austria.



Muscateal's Saphir and Doris Pfann from Austria.



Broshinka and Ernst v. Gimborn from Austria.



Effendi and Manuela Kirsteuer from Austria.



Elisabeth Chat (Austria), Wacław Pruchniewicz (Poland) and the stallion Album with Artur Bienkowski up.

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Etan and Leona Dries from Austria.



Hag-Nasira and Christiane Pichler from Austria.



Kashuri and Ariane Lixl from Austria.

a charismatic, chestnut stallion Metropolis NA (Consensus – NDL Martinique), bred by Mike Nichols, owned by Janow Podlaski – an excellent mover, especially at trot. Second placed was Stefan Hirnböck from Austria, riding the stallion Padron's Khen Saabi (Padron's Kadar – Alba). The first competition from the Dressage series – Dressage FEI Pony Preliminary Competition – won the German rider Denise Reichenwalder, on the bay stallion Period (Drug – Progulka), bred at Tiersk. Dressage FEI Pony Team Competition was won by Regine Mispelkamp from Germany, riding the bay Shakaar Ibn Sanadiva (Kubinec – Om El Sanadiva), whereas a wonderful mover from Sweden – Chocco (Chock – Cornette), with Linda Carlsson up – was placed second. At the same time, coming back to Western competitions, the Reining NRHA 6 Class was won by Gerhard Hairas from Austria, riding the mare Shiney Muscaleana (MHR Muscateal – Manavka), whereas second was the Polish rider Marek Suliga on Wangelis.

On the Friday afternoon we watched a picturesque class Traditional Arabian Riding (in native costumes). Its winner was Alexandra Moosburger, wearing a beautiful garb, elaborated in every detail, riding the stallion L.M.Libretto (Drago – Dadobia), bred by La Movida Stud, owned by Al Qahira Stud in Austrian Tirol. In this competition second placed was Danuta Kononczuk from Poland, on Metropolis NA, whereas third – Elbaraday under Marta Woltoz, also from Poland. It should be pointed out, that she prepared her costume her-

self – a good pattern to follow! The Western Horsemanship competition was won by Sorja Dries on Malik Ibn Muscateal (MHR Muscateal – Marina III), ahead of Don Miko (Fynd – Domika) from Sweden, ridden by Carolina Schwieler. In Western Riding I the winner was Hannah Friedl on the mare Kailashi, whereas second placed was Eleonore Danielsson on Hampus. The Jumping Open Lower Austrian Championship competition, as well as another show jumping contest, qualifying for the Jumping Mono Final, held on Saturday, was won by Tobias Bessler from Germany, on the mare Calina (Canillo – Carolina).

The Jumping Mono Final on Saturday, however, won Josefine Agren from Sweden, very well prepared for it, on the stallion Diesel (Bistro – Digora). The winner of Jumping & Austrian National Championship was Johanna Franck, riding Shejk El Kashmir (Positiv – Timara), whereas the title of Austrian National Champion was granted to Stefan Hirnböck on the mare Khen Saabis Nashita by Padrons Khen Saabi, who got the same title also last year. The height of obstacles in those competitions reached 100 – 110 cm. On the other hand, a Classic Pleasure competition qualifying for Mono Final, won also Stefan Hirnböck on the stallion Padron's Khen Saabi, ahead of the winner of the previous Classic Pleasure competition – Danuta Kononczuk on Metropolis NA. The Freestyle Reining contest on Saturday was won by Karolina Kluka on Decaho, who made an excellent show, wearing a white wedding dress with a red lace trimming on the level



Vendaval Qahira and Martin Fischer from Austria.



Padron's Khen Saabi and Stefan Hirnböck from Austria.



Kailashi and Hannah Friedl from Austria.

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of the thigh, to the tune of well-fitted music. The Dressage-FEI Preliminary Competition Juniors was won once more by Stefan Hirnboeck on Padron's Khen Saabi, whereas a competition qualifying for the highest-ranked Trail round was won by Doris Pfann, riding Muscateal's Saphir.

The Ladies Side Saddle class was won, in an impressive style, by Eva Eternall-Hagen, riding Virgio Pijano (Bajano FA – Pierella FA) from Sweden, but she was closely followed by Danuta Kononczuk from Poland, who rode the stallion Album (Europejczyk – Alejka), bred and owned by Janów Podlaski Stud. Both ladies showed correct seat, wonderful dresses and subtle handling of their horses. A qualifying round of Western Pleasure was won by the Swedish rider Eleonore Danielsson on Hampus, winning also the Western Horsemanship competition. In general, the Swedish horses were very well-trained and confident, when competed for medals in the European Championships. In the same round second placed



Alexandra Moosburger and L.M. Libretto.



Baikal and Doris Pfann.

was a team from Austria – Daniela Mantler and Merlin (Anilin – Mena). Two subsequent competitions were Reining NRHA 2 (won by Leona Dries on Etan, with Marek Suliga on Wangelis on the second place) and Reining NRHA 3 (won by Martin Pauli on Zid Ibn El Zahim). The competition qualifying for the main round of Traditional Arabian Riding won again Alexandra Moosburger on L.M.Libretto, but three further positions were captured by the Polish riders. Second placed was Patrycja Mroczkowska riding Eurykles (Emigrant – Eutona, followed by Metropolis NA, whereas fourth placed was Salar (Ecaho- Saba), ridden by the youngest participant of this year's championships – 13-years-old Aleksandra Owerko from Janów Podlaski Stud!

The Dressage FEI Freestyle Test Juniors with music (kuer) was won by Stefan Hirnboeck on Padron's Khen Saabi, whereas in the hardest dressage contest during this year's Championships he was placed second and the winner was the experienced and well-trained German equestrienne – Denise Reichenwallner on Period (Drug – Progulka). The Trail Mono Final won Manuela Kirsteuer, riding Effendi (Baran – Ebeya), defeating Doris Pfann and Baikal. The most spectacular, however, sometimes even breathtaking, proved the Cross Country round, with obstacles reaching 105 cm,



Elbaraday and Marta Woltosz.



Shejk El Kashmir and Johanna Frunck.



Marek Suliga and Wangelis.



Merlin and Daniela Mantler.



Tobias Bessler and Calina.

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Almibar El Rih and Andrea Schmidt from Germany.



Asra Mahra and Regine Mispelkamp from Germany.



Aka Khaipur and Matthias Heschl from Germany.

quite difficult for Arabian horses. It demanded as well speed, as precision, and both those traits were shown by the winner – Josefina Agren from Sweden, riding the stallion Diesel. In Western Pleasure Mono Final three first competitors were as follows: I – Eleonore Danielsson (Hampus), II – Hannah Friedl (Kailashi), III – Doris Pfann (Muscateal's Saphir). On Sunday held was another important competition – Reining NRHA & Mono Final, in which the best proved an experienced, German rider Martin Pauli, riding the grey stallion Zid Ibn El Zahim (El Zahim – Orena).

The finishing class, Traditional Arabian Mono Final, was won by a team from Poland – Marta Woltosz and Elberadaj. Second was Danuta Kononczuk on Metropolis NA, third – Artur Bienkowski on Album, whereas the fourth one – Patrycja Mroczkowska on Eurykles! It is to emphasize, that all those riders mounted stallions used for breeding in Poland, who were well-trained and the costumes were thoroughly prepared. The final class Western Riding 3, held on Sunday, won Hannah Riedl on Kailashi, but in the Classic Pleasure Mono Final the best was again a Polish team – Danuta Kononczuk and Metropolis from Janów Podlaski. They were closely followed by Stefan Hirnböck and his stallion Padron's Khen Saabi, whereas third placed was Chocco ridden by Linda Carlsson from Sweden. The last two competitions were Pole Bending time trials. First of them was won by Johanna Frunck from Sweden, on Shejk El Kashmir, but just after her came Anna Lagodzinska from Poland, mounting a young, but already prize-winning filly

Hrabina (Equin – Habra). She won a competition of greater importance – Pole Bending W & C All Around, gaining another title for Polish horses.

In a general evaluation European Championships All Around – Classic (required at last five classic competitions), the gold medal was captured by Regine Mispelkamp from Germany, mounting Shakaar Ibn Sanadiva. The silver got to Stefan Hirnböck and Padron's Khen Saabi, whereas the bronze – to Johanna Frunck and Shejk El Kashmir.

In the next general evaluation – European Champions All Around – Western, the gold medal was gained by Leona Dries (Etan), the silver one – by Daniela Mantler (Merlin) and bronze – Eleonora Danielsson (Hampus). In the dressage general ranking the gold was granted to Denise Reichenwallner and Period (Germany), the silver – to Stefan Hirnböck nad Padron's Khen Saabi (Austria), whereas the bronze – to Linda Carlsson and Chocco (Sweden). In showjumping, respectively, the gold was won by Josefina Agren and Diesel from Sweden, the silver – by Tobias Besler from Germany with his bold and beautiful mare Calina and the bronze – by Shejk El Kashmir ridden by Johanna Frunck.

In the Cross Country final ranking the gold medal winner was again the Swedish competitor Josefina Agren on Diesel, whereas the silver medal went to Martin Fischer from Austria on Vendaval Qahira and the bronze – to Eva Eternall – Hagen and Virgio Pijano from Sweden. In Traditional Arabian Riding, however, in the lead



Shakaar Ibn Sanadiva and Regine Mispelkamp from Germany.



Martin Pauli and Zid Ibn El Zahim from Germany.



Period and Denise Reichenwallner.

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were only Polish horses – the gold was gained by Marta Woltosz on Elbaraday, the silver – by Danuta Kononczuk on Metropolis NA, whereas the bronze – by Artur Bienkowski on Album. Danuta Kononczuk, riding Metropolis NA from Janów Podlaski, won also the gold medal in the Classic Pleasure, outstripping Stefan Hirnböck on Padron's Khen Saabi (silver) and Lina Carlsson on Chocco (bronze). In Western Pleasure the order was as follows: the gold medal – Eleonora Danielsson and Hampus; the silver one – Hannah Friedl and Kailashi; the bronze one – Doris Pfann and Muscalteal's Saphir. In Reining: gold – Martin Pauli on Zid Ibn El Zahim, silver – Doris Pfann on Baikal, bronze – Daniela Mantler on Perado. Western Trail: gold – Effendi and Manuela Kirsteuer from Austria; silver – Doris Pfann and Baikal; bronze – Doris Pfann and Muscalteal's Saphir. This year no driving classes took place, whereas last year two teams started. On the picture shown is the winner's round.

Next year all winners and finalists will be given the pictures, on which they are to be portrayed with their mounts by the renowned artist Griseldis Leischner, whose works were this year exhibited in the great riding hall at Stadl Paura. Those pictures are to be shown also on the website em-araber.org, publishing also full results. For the time being, in the sunny Sunday afternoon four national anthems were played and gold medals went to Germany, Austria, Sweden and Poland. An Austrian rider commented it like this: "It was good, that so strong teams came to us from Poland and some other countries – otherwise we had to compete among ourselves!" The event is gradually improving, thanks to the efforts of its main organizer, Mrs. Elisabeth Chat, who is able to control everything. In the opinion of Wacław Pruchniewicz – an international judge, trainer and author of riding handbooks – there should be organized more and more such competitions, destined only for Arabians. It would help

developing their breeding not only in direction of beauty, but also of performance. The riders, on the other hand, should improve their dressage skills, because well-schooled horses make a real pleasure to look at. So we invite you to the next, already VIIIth European Championships Arabian Sports Horses, which are to be held on July 31st- Aug. 2nd 2009, of course at Stadl Paura Riding Center. □



Diesel and Josefine Agren from Sweden.



Chocco and Linda Carlsson from Sweden.



winners-the decoration.



Hampus and Eleonore Danielsson from Sweden.



Don Miko and Carolina Schwieler from Sweden.



Virgio Pijano and Eva Eternall-Hagen from Sweden.